

# THE MARIE CURIE HOSPITAL

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## MARIE CURIE

1867 - 1934

“J’adresse au Marie Curie Hospital mes meilleurs vœux pour le succès de son activité.”—MARIE CURIE, July, 1930.





MARIE CURIE WITH HER MOBILE X-RAY CAR (in 1914-18 War).



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## THE MARIE CURIE HOSPITAL

The Marie Curie Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases was founded by medical women in 1929. It is one of the cancer research centres recognised by the Medical Research Council and the British Empire Cancer Campaign. Both these bodies give research grants and lend radium to the Hospital, and King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, in addition to an annual maintenance grant, has made a standing loan of the main stock of radium used to carry on the treatment.

Before the destruction of the Hospital main buildings by enemy action in February, 1944, it had 39 beds, including 9 for private patients, and before the war admitted over 700 In-Patients annually. The Out-Patient Department, which is a special Diagnostic and Follow-up Clinic, admitted on an average 3,500 patients annually.

The Hospital re-opened on the 22nd of May, 1946, with 11 beds, later increased to 28. It is hoped that in 1947 the bed complement will eventually become 50 (see Board of Management's Report, page 10).

### Admission of Patients.

Patients received into the General Wards are expected to contribute according to their means up to a maximum of five guineas per week. Those unable to make any payment are admitted free.

Patients are admitted mainly by application from the Honorary Staff of the four co-operating hospitals, the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, the South London Hospital for Women, the Royal Free Hospital and the New Sussex Hospital. Application may, however, be made direct through the patient's doctor to the Director of the Hospital.

Visitors to patients are admitted on Wednesdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from 2.30 to 4.0 p.m. and from 7.30 to 8 p.m. *Children under 14 years of age are not allowed in the wards.*

### Patients in Private Wards.

The charges for beds in the Private Wards are at the rate of 6 guineas a week for a double room and 10 guineas for a single room. This fee includes board, lodging and nursing. In addition, a charge of one guinea is made for the use of the Theatre, and a one-guinea Laboratory fee. These fees do not include a Special Nurse nor fees for medical attendance.

Visitors are admitted daily between the hours of 2.30 and 4.0 p.m., and 7.30 and 8.30 p.m.

### Fees for X-ray Treatment.

For patients in the Private Wards the fee for X-ray treatment is at the rate of ten guineas a week for patients in single rooms and six guineas for patients in double rooms. In the case of patients in the General Wards, it is asked that whenever possible they should contribute a sum within their means towards the cost of X-ray treatment.

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# RE-OPENING OF THE MARIE CURIE HOSPITAL BY HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY

ON 25th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

Front row (right to left)—The Mayor of Hampstead (Mrs. Alderman Carnegie), Her Majesty Queen Mary, the Lady Moran, the Matron.



# THE MARIE CURIE HOSPITAL

## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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**The Board of Management presents to the Governors and  
Subscribers its Report for the year ending 31st December, 1946.**

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The Board has to record with deep regret the death of Sir James Jeans, O.M., F.R.S., for many years a devoted friend and supporter and a Vice-President of the Hospital.

It is with regret that the Board records the retirement of : Major G. F. Torrey, B.A., who acted as Honorary Treasurer for some years before the war and who has now become a Vice-President of the Hospital ; Lady Jones, who gave invaluable service in the early days of the Hospital ; and Mr. Stuart R. Cooper, F.C.A., Honorary Auditor to the Hospital since its foundation in 1929. The Board takes this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to Mr. Cooper for his personal interest and guidance in the hospital accounts over a long period. It is pleasant to know that Mr. Cooper will continue his long association with the Hospital as a Vice-President.

Mr. Charles E. Fletcher, F.C.A., has kindly consented to act as Honorary Auditor and the Board's thanks are due to him for this service to the Hospital.

The Board has pleasure in recording that the Rev. Prebendary H. T. Carnegie, Vicar and Rural Dean of Hampstead, has become Honorary Chaplain to the Hospital ; and that Dr. F. G. Spear, of Strangeways Research Laboratory, Cambridge, has become a member of the Hospital's Scientific Advisory Council.

**Re-opening of the Hospital.** Her Majesty Queen Mary, our revered President, honoured the Hospital with a visit on the 25th of September, in order to preside at the Opening Ceremony of the new building at 66, Fitzjohn's Avenue.

Her Majesty, accompanied by Lady Constance Milnes Gaskell (Lady-in-waiting) and Major the Hon. John Coke (Gentleman-in-waiting) was received by Mrs. Alderman Carnegie, Mayor of Hampstead and the Lady Moran, Chairman of the Hospital. After certain presentations had been made, Her Majesty was conducted to a Marquee in the grounds where a large gathering of friends and supporters of the Hospital was assembled.

The Lady Moran in her address of welcome to Queen Mary spoke of the intense pleasure all must feel in the presence of Her Majesty on the occasion of



the rebirth of the Hospital, and gave an account of the difficulties overcome in equipping and staffing the new building.

Sir Edward Mellanby, Secretary of the Medical Research Council, gave a highly interesting account of the Hospital's past work in cancer treatment and research. He spoke of the outstanding success achieved by the Marie Curie Hospital, and quoted statistical figures showing the superior results obtained there. Sir Edward congratulated the Board of Management on their achievement in re-establishing the Hospital in new quarters free of debt, and he wished it good fortune for the future.

Her Majesty Queen Mary then formally declared the Hospital open.

After a prayer of dedication and blessing by the Rev. Prebendary H. T. Carnegie, Vicar and Rural Dean of Hampstead, Her Majesty left the Marquee and inspected the Hospital.

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The formal re-opening of the Hospital was the climax of a year of strenuous effort. The new building was ready for occupation in the early summer and on the 22nd of May the first patients were admitted. Donnington House, 22, Netherhall Gardens, had been purchased and furnished as a temporary Nurses' Home, and further plans were afoot for the purchase of 33, Daleham Gardens, adjacent to the Hospital, as permanent Nurses' quarters. As more patients' beds were opened and fresh staff engaged it was found necessary to take a lease of No. 8, Fitzjohn's Avenue and this was done in the early spring of 1947. The Board also plans to provide in the near future an annexe to the Hospital for ambulatory X-ray patients, thus releasing hospital beds for urgent waiting cases and bringing the total bed complement to fifty.

**The Future of the Hospital.** As far back as 1937 plans were being prepared for rebuilding a larger hospital on modern lines. It has long been felt that the Marie Curie Hospital should be expanded into a 100-bed hospital with facilities for surgical as well as radiological treatment and provision for post-graduate and under-graduate teaching. The Board of Management is still pressing on with this long-term policy, and the intention is that architectural block plans for a new hospital on the old site at 2/4, Fitzjohn's Avenue should be in readiness on "the appointed day" for the nationalisation of the hospitals.

There is reason to believe that our work of mercy will not be violated by the rough hand of politics. The Minister of Health, in the Standing Committee of the House of Commons on the National Health Services Bill, made the following statements in reference to special hospitals :—

"It is hoped to preserve the identity and names of association of such hospitals. There is no reason why we should lacerate people's feelings . . . .



The hospital management committee is a living unit . . . many of the special hospitals will want to come into the scheme. Obviously, if they are brought into the scheme, it must be regarded as a principle of fundamental importance that their special sectarian and individual character must be preserved, because for the people who believe in it, that in itself will be a part of the therapy and the treatment . . . . In trying to restore people to good health the spiritual as well as the physical aspects are of profound importance. That applies to all hospitals with special characteristics. If they are to be brought in, it must be the obligation of the Regional Boards, in establishing their management committees, to see that those management committees are of a character which maintains the continuity of the characteristics of those institutions. I think I can give that absolute guarantee, because otherwise it would be an emotional mutilation which nobody could possibly defend."

The Minister of Health will, we are sure, look to this hospital in the future, as his predecessors have in the past, for two precious things—for the particular skill and experience which is required in this special field and for the spirit of service.

In the Cancer Act of 1937 it was stated that there was a serious lack of cancer treatment in the country. This Hospital with its successful record of treatment and research has an undoubted contribution to make to the new Cancer Services, and to do this in the most satisfactory manner the rebuilding of the Hospital is an urgent need. We can contribute for the present a 50-bed hospital in full running order, staffed by experienced medical women; and for the future a suitable site on which a 100-bed hospital could be built without disturbing the work carried on at the present Hospital.

Whatever the uncertainties of the time, the Board has faith that we shall go on working, as Marie Curie worked, certain in our own minds of the ultimate end.

**The Supporters' Association.** As will be seen from the Association's Report on page 21, 1946 was a year of vigorous activity. The Board takes the opportunity of expressing their gratitude to this body of old and valued friends who have been working for the benefit of the Hospital since 1934. During this time countless gifts have been made to the Hospital, including a radium bomb couch, operating table, theatre lighting unit, furniture for Nurses' bedrooms, ward refrigerators. In addition grants have been received for the Re-establishment Fund and for the maintenance of beds for convalescent patients. The Association has also undertaken the provision and repair of all hospital linen, an invaluable service.

A grant of £676 was allocated to the Hospital in 1946 for new bed linen and the Re-establishment and Schools' Bed Funds (see Accounts, page 23).



**Report of the Appeals Committee.** The preparation of the 1946 Appeal Programme was one of the most difficult tasks so far undertaken by the Appeal Committee. National events and their far-reaching consequences had affected appeal conditions adversely, and the shadow of the forthcoming nationalisation of the Voluntary Hospitals had done much to discourage public interest in their immediate future. The Committee therefore was confronted by unprecedented difficulties. If appeal income was to be maintained a programme had to be presented which combined novelty of approach and careful timing in order to make use of the most advantageous periods of the year.

It is with pleasure, therefore, that we are able to report that a total income of £27,532 passed through the Appeals Office during the year. It will be remembered that the sum of £28,806 received in the previous year included a special gift of £10,100 ; and, if this is taken into consideration when comparing the figures for 1945 and 1946, it will be clear that the general income for 1946 shows an encouraging increase on the previous year.

It is with warm appreciation and gratitude that we record an increase from £205 to £2,216 from renewed donations. The Hospital is most fortunate in having an ever-widening circle of donors, and the fact that their interest and support has produced such an increase is an encouragement to the Committee and to all those concerned with the welfare and progress of the Hospital.

One of the outstanding events of 1946 was the Radio Appeal broadcast in March by the well-known film star Miss Deborah Kerr. The net total of £4,207 which was received pays tribute to Miss Kerr for the excellence of her Appeal, and the Committee is deeply grateful to Miss Kerr for her kindness in presenting the urgent needs of the Hospital so sympathetically. In December we were again fortunate in securing Miss Kerr's patronage for the Christmas Appeal made through the hotels, which enabled us to reach a wider circle than last year. The final returns for this appeal are not yet available, but it is pleasing to report that the previous year's total of £800 was passed within a few weeks and that returns continue to come in steadily.

In the early summer Mrs. John McIndoe organized a Bring-and-Buy-Sale on the bombed site of the old Hospital building. Owing to bad weather the Sale had to be held indoors and fewer people came. Nevertheless, the Sale realised a net profit of £214, and our gratitude is due to Mrs. McIndoe and her helpers for this welcome addition to our funds.

Throughout the last quarter of the year a new departure in appeal publicity was made. Laundries throughout the London Area and the Southern Counties were invited to enclose a leaflet regarding the appeal in their laundry parcels. Much valuable publicity resulted from this widespread distribution of leaflets, and we are most grateful to the participating laundries for enabling us to increase the Re-establishment Fund by £1,600.



To mark the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Mary on the re-opening of the Hospital, the 25th of September became a special Gift Day for the Hospital's friends. On this occasion a total of £1,972 was received. The warmest thanks must be extended to all those good friends who made Gift Day so memorable an occasion.

In September the Appeal Secretary decided to approach all his namesakes with the object of raising £1,000 with which to name a Bed from the Robinsons of Great Britain, dedicated to the memory of the Robinsons who gave their lives in the war. This effort, which now approaches the target figure, was so successful that it was decided to extend the appeal to other names and it is with pleasure that we report that the Wilsons, Smiths and Williamses have now almost raised the required amount of money to name their respective Beds. The novelty of the Appeal has shown such good results that there is every indication that each of the twelve names approached will eventually reach the £1,000 mark.

Before Christmas a letter was addressed to large business organizations, Women's Guilds and Institutes asking that a charitable event be organized in the Hospital's name. The response to this request has exceeded all expectations; and many Dances, Whist Drives, and other events have been organized with great energy and enthusiasm by Committees throughout the country. The total received so far is £1,250. We are most grateful to all those who have given their personal effort to produce so successful a result. The Appeal Committee is keenly aware of the tremendous amount of time and patience which go into the organization of events of this kind, and the numerous kind friends who have given their time so unstintingly have earned our warmest appreciation and gratitude.

No report from this Committee would be complete without an expression of warm thanks and grateful appreciation to all our good friends who have assisted the Re-establishment Appeal by collecting on Flag Days and with individual collecting boxes. Box collections have risen from £110 to £224 in 1946, but Flag Day receipts have fallen from £516 to £340. It must, however, be remembered that this decrease is general throughout the Flag Day area, and in no way detracts from the efforts of our many friends who have braved the most difficult weather conditions in order that the Hospital should derive the greatest possible benefit from Flag Day.

Legacies received during 1946 totalled £6,256. In addition to this substantial figure we have received notice that a further £6,516 has been left to the Hospital during the year and may become available to us in 1947. A further legacy of £16,210 has also been notified; but this, our largest legacy to date, will not be received by the Hospital during the lifetime of the life tenants under the Will.

In conclusion the Appeal Committee takes great pleasure in thanking, most warmly, all of the countless good friends who have helped, so energetically and



so generously, in our fight against cancer by enabling the Hospital to re-open and to continue the urgent work we have in hand. At the time of going to press the grand total of the Appeal exceeds £110,000, and the generous support which has been afforded us in the past encourages the Committee to believe that despite the prevailing difficulties of the times we will continue to progress until our target figure is reached and the restoration of the Hospital is completed.

**King Edward's Hospital Fund.** The Hospital was visited in June by Mr. Louis Carnac Rivett, F.R.C.S., and Lt.-Col. Sir George Cory, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O. They were pleased to find the Hospital again open to patients and expressed sympathy with the Board's plans for the future.

Later in the year a capital grant of £1,000 was received in addition to the maintenance grant of £500, and the Board takes this opportunity of expressing their gratitude.

**Annual General Meeting.** The Seventeenth Annual General Meeting was held on the 27th of June, 1946, at the Nurses' Home, 33, Daleham Gardens, N.W.3.

The Lady Moran took the Chair, and gave a report on the year's activities. Referring to the future of the Hospital under the nationalisation scheme, she emphasised the importance of maintaining and expanding the Hospital during this difficult interim period into an efficient and well-equipped unit; and at the same time of keeping in view a long-term policy of building a larger hospital on the old site.

Mr. G. S. Youde, the Honorary Treasurer, reporting on the previous year's accounts, spoke of the heavy expenditure incurred in the purchase and equipment of new buildings for patients and staff; and of the plans to meet these capital costs. The Accounts and Annual Report for 1945 were adopted.

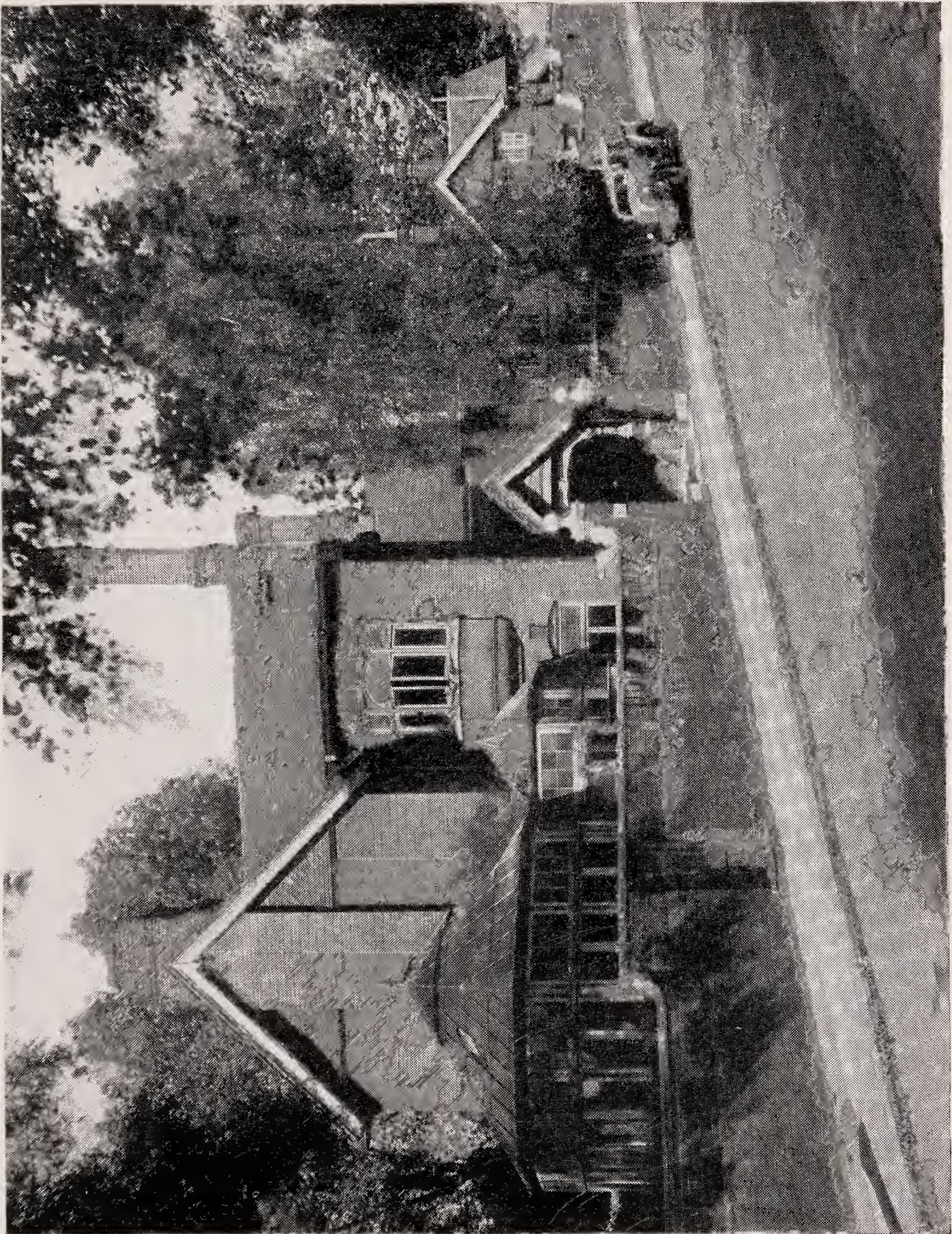
Professor Sidney Russ in his vote of thanks to the Chairman referred to the Hospital's outstanding record of work, which in his opinion was making medical history. He felt confident that the Hospital would be given favourable treatment by the Regional Commissions when the time came for nationalisation.

On behalf of the Board of Management,

A. D. BANKHEAD,

*Secretary.*





THE NURSES HOME  
33, Daleham Gardens, N.W.3.



## REPORT OF THE CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The study of carcinoma of the uterus and of the breast with particular regard to irradiation methods of treatment of these diseases has been continued. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-two cases of cancer of the cervix have been treated radiologically at the Hospital since 1925, one thousand five hundred and seventeen more than five years ago. The radiological technique throughout this period has undergone only minor modifications. Although most of the cases have been treated by radium alone, a proportion have had a combined radium and deep X-ray treatment. Experience has shown that improvements in the methods of delivering the combined radium and X-ray dosage are desirable in order to avoid overdosage. In consequence a study of this problem, interrupted by the war, was resumed during the past year.

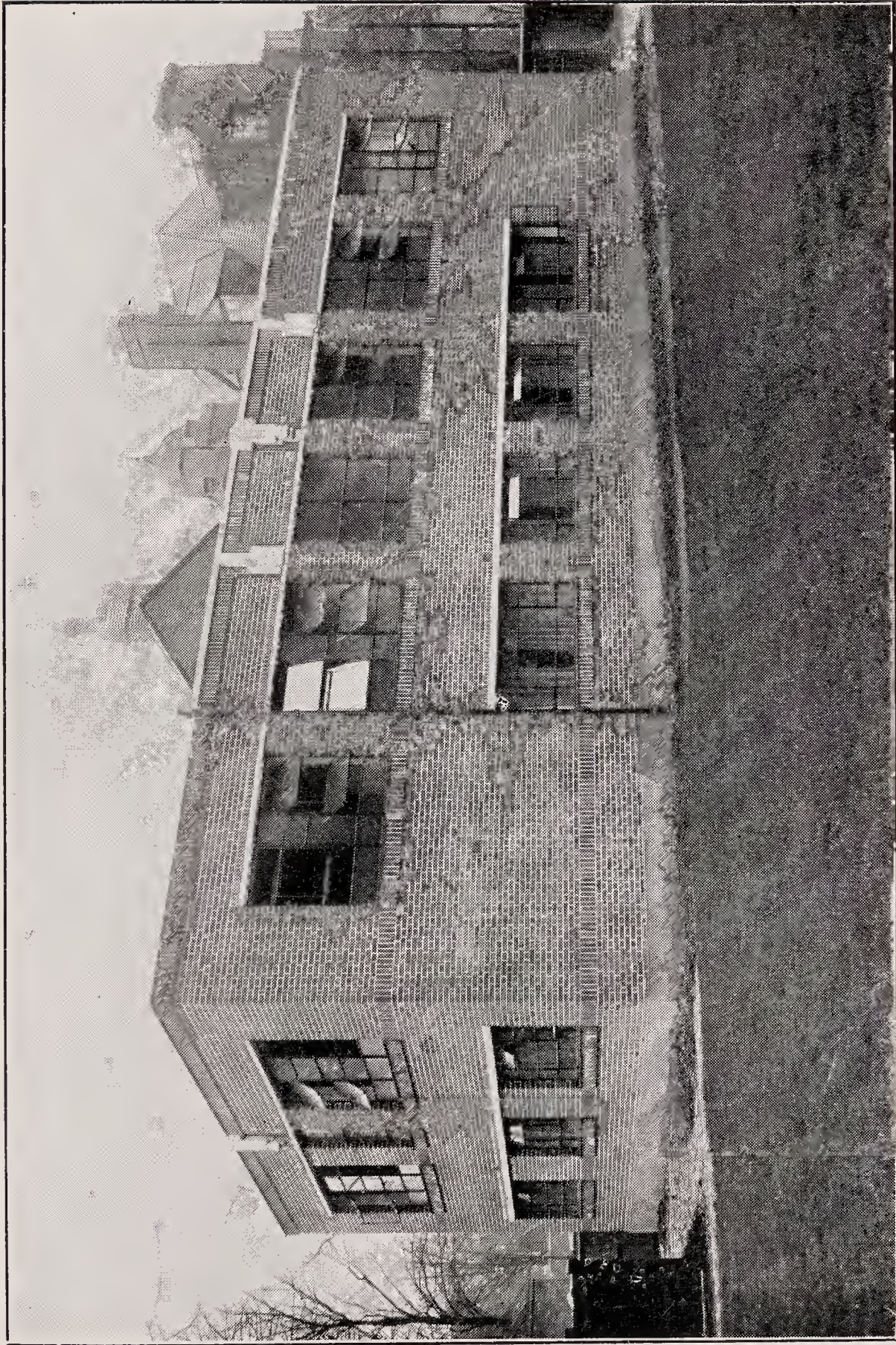
The results of treatment of cancer of the cervix over a period of twenty years expressed as five year survival rates show a tendency to become stabilised around certain figures for the various clinical stages of the disease. Of 1,517 cases treated over five years ago, 82 per cent. of cases in stage 1 are still living, 60 per cent. in stage 2 and 30 per cent. in stage 3. Of the very advanced cases in stage 4, many have their symptoms greatly ameliorated by radiation treatment and a certain number of such cases, about 7 per cent. survive for five years or more.

Cancer of the body of the uterus continues to be treated surgically in the majority of operable cases. Nevertheless, it would appear that the number of cases referred for treatment by radiotherapy is increasing. Three hundred and forty-four cases of cancer of the body have been examined with a view to treatment since 1925. This represents 15.4 per cent. of all cases of uterine cancer seen at the Hospital, or one out of every five cases of uterine cancer referred for primary treatment by radium. The five year survival rate for cases of cancer of the body of the uterus treated at The Marie Curie Hospital by radiation is 48 per cent. The five year survival rate of cases treated by surgery at other centres appears from the available published statistics to be between 48 per cent. and 53 per cent. The difficulties of estimating the relative merits of surgery and of radiotherapy in this condition are very great because comparable groups of cases treated primarily by surgery or by radiotherapy are difficult to obtain. It is, therefore, desirable that in cancer of the corpus treated primarily by surgery, a system of classification and follow-up examinations, as detailed and as regular as exists at most centres for the radiation treatment of cancer of the corpus, should be instituted. This method of approach to the problem is most likely to provide comparable groups of cases upon which the value of these two methods of treatment may be assessed. A follow-up system on these lines has now been introduced at this Hospital.

Research upon the radiation treatment of cancer of the breast has been continued and a study of patients receiving a pre-operative course of X-ray therapy is in progress. This method of pre-operative radiation followed by surgical removal of the breast has a special advantage in that it affords an opportunity to

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*Architect: Walter J. Dow, F.S.I., F.R.E.S. M.Inst. R.A.*  
**THE HELEN CHAMBERS RESEARCH LABORATORY.**





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THE SHED AT THE SCHOOL OF PHYSICS ON THE RUE LHOMOND  
WHERE RADIUM WAS DISCOVERED.



## HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

In 1946 the Hospital was able to receive In-Patients for rather more than seven months with a consequent increase in expenditure of £10,418 to £17,650. This total includes the costs of Provisions, Medical, Nursing and Domestic salaries, the Administration and all the normal payments in connection with the maintenance of the Hospital and the Research. The expenses of the Appeal Department are also included and are referred to in more detail later.

The Ordinary Income of £9,721 shows an increase of £4,718. Once more it is possible to report an increase in the annual subscriptions. In the year under review they amounted to £1,856 which is £153 more than in 1945 and £191 more than in 1939. Although Flag Days were not quite so productive the Box Collections and ordinary Donations were again increased. The receipts from patients and the various Contributory Schemes were nearly £1,550 more owing to the wards being reopened.

The large sum of £6,256 was received from Legacies, but owing to the increased expenditure it was necessary to bring the whole of this into the Income side of the account. Even so there remained a deficit of £1,673 to be taken from the General Fund in the Balance Sheet.

The Appeal Department received £27,532, and although this sum is nearly £1,300 less than last year, it will be remembered that it does not contain the large special gifts referred to in the last Report. It was considered advisable in present conditions to conduct the Appeal on a more individual basis following the excellent result of the Radio Appeal. While this policy involved additional expense it has brought us a large circle of friends whose support we hope will be repeated in the future.

Generous assistance has been given by the Supporters' Association to the extent of £676 divided between the Re-establishment, Schools' Bed and Linen Funds. Others have sent us gifts in kind to a value of £768, while a number of contributors expressed a wish to mark the occasion of the re-opening of the Hospital and donated a sum of £1,972. To all of these and our many other friends the Board of Management express their grateful thanks for their encouragement and financial aid at this time of difficulty and great need.

During the year the building work at 66 Fitzjohn's Avenue and 22 Netherhall Gardens has been completed and the freehold of 33 Daleham Gardens purchased for use as a Nurses' Home. As a result the Land, Buildings and Equipment now owned are quoted in our books at £94,512 being an increase of £40,000 over 1939. The Legacy of property at Leeds has been realised for a sum £350 in excess of the value at which it was held in our books. The house in Netherhall Gardens is now surplus to requirements, and negotiations are in hand for sale at a price sufficient to show a small profit on the transaction.

The King Edward's Hospital Fund for London contributed £1,000 to the Re-establishment Fund in addition to £500 to the Central Funds for maintenance. The British Empire Cancer Campaign, the Medical Research Council and the Metropolitan Hospital-Sunday Fund renewed their annual grants. The Board has once again to thank the respective Committees of all these Funds for the continuation of their generous support.

G. S. YOUDE, *Hon. Treasurer.*



## MATRON'S REPORT

The Hospital admitted patients to the new building at 66, Fitzjohn's Avenue, on 22nd May, 1946. Only eleven patients could be taken in at first, owing to the difficulty of finding the necessary nursing and domestic staff.

In July the Chadburn Ward was opened giving accommodation for eight more patients. In the meantime Donnington House, 22, Netherhall Gardens, was being got ready as a temporary Nurses' Home. In November we were able to open another nine beds, bringing our total beds available in 1946 to twenty-eight.

The shortage of both Nursing and Domestic Staff has been a grave problem throughout, and this has only been overcome by the loyalty and hard work of everyone during this exacting year.

Practically all the Hospital furniture and equipment was destroyed in 1944. The replacement of this has been an onerous and difficult task, which could not have been accomplished without the magnificent and numerous gifts received from our friends and sympathisers. I take this opportunity of expressing our warm gratitude to all these donors and in particular to the following :—

The Supporters' Association : £310 towards the cost of new blankets and necessary replacements.

British Red Cross Society : 48 pairs of operation stockings and bed-socks, etc.

Australian Red Cross Society : Gifts of linen (sheets, pillowcases, blankets, etc.) from which Chadburn Ward, the X-ray Department and Out-Patients' Departments were equipped.

Canadian Red Cross Society : Sufficient linen to stock the two Nurses' Homes, three wireless sets, large gifts of food, and surgical dressings which were urgently needed.

New Zealand and South African Red Cross Societies : Various gifts of food, sweets and jam.

American War Relief Society : Bed linen and Surgeons' gowns, etc.

In addition, I must mention the promise of further help from the Society of the Little Houses of Saint Pentaleon, Pennsylvania, who have written recently to ask us for a list of articles needed for the Hospital. The Society has already sent us valuable cases of dressings.

The St. John and Red Cross Hospital Library Committee has provided a library for the use of patients and staff of over 300 modern novels, biographies, etc. Their Librarian, Miss Pinto, comes every week to give out the books, and I should like to express our warm thanks to her for this service, which is highly appreciated by all.

Red Cross voluntary workers have also undertaken to give weekly instruction in handicrafts to certain patients in the wards. I feel sure that this Occupational Therapy Scheme will in time play an important part in the patients' life in hospital.

M. A. BEATTY, *Matron.*



# THE MARIE CURIE HOSPITAL

## SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Chairman*—Mrs. Milner

*Hon. Treasurer*—Mr. S. H. P. Poynter, F.B.A.A.

*Hon Sec.*—Mrs. Douglas

*Hon. Collector*—Mrs. T. M. Moore

Mrs. Armitt

Councillor Mrs. Dow

Miss Godfrey

Mrs. Arnold

Mrs. Free

Miss Helen Thomas

### ANNUAL REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1946

The re-opening ceremony of the Hospital was held at 66, Fitzjohn's Avenue on September 25th, when Her Majesty Queen Mary was present. This delightful function was a great success. Music and tea were provided as refreshments for the guests. Mrs. Douglas and Mr. Poynter were presented to Queen Mary, as representatives of the Association, and our Chairman Mrs. Milner, as a member of the Hospital Board, was one of the group photographed with Queen Mary. Two senior girls from South Hampstead High School were invited to represent the 86 Girls' Schools who have given us such splendid support.

The Committee were extremely sorry to lose a valued member in Mrs. F. B. Glover, who resigned from ill-health. Miss Godfrey was co-opted in her place. Until April the Committee met at Councillor Mrs. Dow's flat, a much appreciated privilege, and since May we have met in our small room at 4, Fitzjohn's Avenue. Later we are to have a large room elsewhere, suitable for meetings and bridge drives, and when in possession we propose to start a Supporters' Entertainment Club.

Our chief activity this year has been the Linen Drive to meet the heavy cost of linen and blankets for the Hospital. This was a large item in re-establishment expenses and £310 was earmarked for this purpose from the balance available at the end of the last financial year. A special appeal was sent out to the Girls' Schools and over £204 was received from them. In addition, an advertisement in the Press brought a very handsome parcel from the Red Cross Societies. Other gifts of linen were received from Miss Helen Thomas and Mrs. Moore.

Six Bridge Drives were given by members of Committee and three large ones were held—two at the South Hampstead High School, kindly lent by Miss Potter, and one in the Hall of St. Mary's, Abbey Road, N.W.6, which the Vicar kindly put at our disposal. These raised a total of £79 1s. 3d. From the proceeds of the December Bridge Drive a sum of £10 was sent to the Matron as a contribution to the Christmas parties arranged for the patients and staff. Thanks are due to all who helped to make the Bridge Drives a success.



The Supporters' Association—with contributions from the Hospital Savings Association—formerly financed beds for convalescent patients, and the Hospital would like us to resume this service. Arrangements have accordingly been made with a Convalescent Home to let us have, on a week's notice, two beds where we can send patients and pay their fees. Help with the expenses of convalescence is often a very real and pressing need, and we commend this scheme to all interested in the welfare of the patients. *Donations for this purpose will be extremely welcome.*

The Girls' Schools, continuing their generous support, contributed £257 4s. 6d., which brings their total to £1,088 10s. 10d. Two Boys' Schools have also sent donations. The help of the Supporters' Association and the Girls' Schools is recorded on a panel in the Hall at the Hospital at 66, Fitzjohn's Avenue.

M. MILNER, *Chairman.*

E. M. L. DOUGLAS, *Hon. Secretary.*

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study histologically the effects of radiation upon the tissues. This information, considered in relation to dosage and technique employed should form a guide to future methods of treatment.

A study of the effect of synthetic oestrogens upon cancer of the breast is still in progress. In collaboration with the Joint Committee of the Royal Society of Medicine and the British Empire Cancer Campaign investigating synthetic oestrogens, a series of cases of breast cancer, treated by Dienoestrol under the conditions of this research, are also being studied.

Histological and haematological investigations have been carried out for all cases undergoing radiation treatment. A special study of the cellular content of the vagine is being made in order to test the vaginal smear method as an aid to early diagnosis of uterine cancer.

Investigations of the effect of synthetic oestrogens on the growth of tumours have been continued. A group of these substances used in the tests have shown no specific inhibiting effect upon the growth of the transplantable and spontaneous tumours used.

Further experiments are in progress to test the effect on tumours of a series of compounds of the Stilboestrol type having bactericidal as well as oestrogenic activity.

Collaboration has been continued with Dr. Spear and Dr. Glücksmann of Strangeways Research Laboratory, Cambridge, in a study of the relationship between histological type of growth and the response to radiation treatment in cancer of the cervix. A review of over 1,000 case records of patients treated over five years ago has been made, and the relationship between histological classification and the clinical follow-up findings is being studied.



THE MARIE CURIE HOSPITAL SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION.

Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st December, 1946.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Subscriptions and Donations	...	...	Postages ...	...	...
Linen League	...	...	Printing, Stationery, etc.	...	...
Bridge Drives	...	...	Hire of Urns	...	...
<b>SCHOOLS APPEAL—</b>			Linen	...	...
Re-establishment Fund	...	16 6 7	Catering Equipment	...	...
Schools Bed Fund	...	36 16 0	Rent of Serving Room	...	...
Linen Fund	...	204 1 11	Staff and Patients' Christmas Party	...	...
			Advertisement of Linen Appeal	...	...
Total Receipts		£354 1 9			
Balance at 31st December, 1945—			Total Payments		£43 19 9
<b>Schools Appeal—</b>					
Re-establishment Fund	...	396 7 8	Re-establishment Fund	...	270 0 0
Schools Bed Fund	...	95 10 7	Schools Bed Fund	...	95 10 7
General Fund	...	84 6 5	Linen Fund	...	204 1 11
Cash in Hand	...	3 4 7	General Fund—Linen Appeal	...	106 12 2
Balance at 31st December, 1946—		579 9 3	Balance at 31st December, 1946—		676 4 8
			At Bank	...	206 7 0
			In Hand	...	6 19 7
					213 6 7

S. H. P. POYNTER,  
Hon. Treasurer.

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*Hon. Treasurer.*

I have audited the above Receipts and Payments Account with the Books and Vouchers and certify it to be in accordance therewith.

London, 14th July, 1947.

CHARLES E. FLETCHER, }  
Chartered Accountant }  
Hon. Auditor.



The Marie Curie Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases (Incorporated)  
Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31st December, 1946.

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<b>II. Receipts on Account of Services Rendered.</b>		<b>V. Miscellaneous.</b>	
1. Contributions on Account of Services to Patients—		Printing, Stationery, Postages,	
(a) From Patients and their Societies—		Telephones ...	279
Patients—		Advertisements ...	58
Maintenance, etc. ...	957	Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores, etc. ...	75
Deep X-ray Fees ...	161	Garden ...	26
Contributory Schemes—		Ambulance ...	167
Hospital Saving Association... ..	491	Sundries ...	104
Hospital Saturday Fund ...	39		
Various other schemes	57		
Approved Societies ...	—		
	1,705		
(b) From Public Authorities—			
Contribution towards increases in Nurses' Salaries ... ..	—		
	37		946
2. Fees—			
Nurses' and Probationers' Fees ... ..	—		
Other Fees ... ..	—		
3. Other Receipts ... ..	—		
	195		
<b>III. Invested Property.</b>			
Interest Dividends, etc. ...	310		
Rents ... ..	103		
	413		
<b>Extraordinary Income</b>	<b>Ordinary Income</b>	<b>Extraordinary Expenditure</b>	<b>Ordinary Expenditure</b>
5,003	9,721	7,232	17,650
1,892	6,256	—	—
6,895	<b>Total Income</b>		
337	15,977		
	Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year 1946 ...	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	17,650
<u>£7,232</u>	<u>£17,650</u>		<u>£17,650</u>



# The Marie Curie Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases (Incorporated)

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1946.

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(d) Suspense Fund—		
Stoney Legacy for upkeep of Diagnostic X-ray Department—		
As at 31st Dec., 1945 ...	2,750	
Re-establishment Fund—		
As at 31st Dec., 1945...	18,180	
Add Receipts in 1946—		
King Edward's Hospital Fund ...	1,000	
Transfer from Appeals		
A/c. (p. '28) ...	18,263	
	<u>37,443</u>	
Less Transfer to Building and Equipment Funds—		
Buildings ...£15,857		
Equipment ...	16,614	
	<u>20,829</u>	
		125,491
18,180		
	<u>£118,151</u>	<u>£139,444</u>
	<u>£118,151</u>	<u>£139,444</u>

# REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

I have audited the above Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion such Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure account are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Hospital, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the Hospital. To the best of my knowledge and belief the regulations of the Revised Uniform System of Hospital Accounts as modified by the instructions of King Edward's Hospital Fund relating to the treatment of Free Legacies dated December, 1940, have been followed.

London, 14th July, 1947.

CHARLES E. FLETCHER, }  
Chartered Accountant. } Hon. Auditor.

Note : The main Buildings have been destroyed by enemy action. The War Damage Claim has been lodged but has not yet been agreed.

Approved : on behalf of the Board of Management,

DOROTHY MORAN,  
Chairman.

G. S. YOUDE,  
Hon. Treasurer.



# The Marie Curie Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases (Incorporated)

## Appeals Account for year ending 31st December, 1946.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
(1945)	£	(1945)	£
Annual Subscriptions	760	Salaries and Wages	...
Donations and Sundry Appeals	13,559	Printing, Stationery, Postages, Tele-	...
Deborah Kerr's Radio Appeal	4,207	phone	1,276
Gift-Day: Re-opening of Hospital	1,972	Advertising and Publicity	163
Box Collections	224	Direct Mail Appeals	1,952
Hospitals Flag Days	340	Office Sundries	110
Bring and Buy Sales	214		
Legacies	6,256		3,501
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>27,532</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,040</b>
		<b>Balance, being Excess of Receipts over</b>	<b>22,492</b>
		<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>...</b>
			<b>£27,532</b>

## Appropriation Account.

26,043	Balance brought down	...	...	22,492
2,763	Total Expenditure carried to Income and Expenditure account (p. 24)			5,040
			561	
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			110	
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			1,305	
			23,604	
			1,892	
			2,005	
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			£28,806	
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			£27,532	
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			£27,532	



## Legacies Account, 1946

<i>Under Will of the late :</i>	£	s.	d.	<i>Transferred to :—</i>	£	s.	d.
Mr. W. W. Hepworth ...	2,700	0	0	Income & Expenditure			
Mrs. F. E. Gould ...	1,086	17	10	Account (p. 24) ...	6,255	17	10
Miss A. M. B. Kirby ...	1,000	0	0				
Miss B. E. Binns ...	1,000	0	0				
Miss E. B. Rawston ...	87	10	0				
Mr. M. J. Eyles ...	31	10	0				
Profits accrued on the sale of the Leeds Property under the Will of the Late J. H. Wilson ...	350	0	0				
	<u>£6,255</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£6,255</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>

## Investments, 31st December, 1946.

At Cost Price.

	£	s.	d.
£2,135 17s. 9d. 3% Savings Bonds ...	2,135	17	9
£5,538 18s. 3d. 2½% Consolidated Stock ...	4,995	18	9
(See Balance Sheet, page 76)	<u>          </u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>



## THE MARIE CURIE HOSPITAL ENDOWED and NAMED BEDS

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The Devon Bed -	-	Endowed by Devonians for the free treatment of Devon Women.
Lady Beilby Bed	-	Named by the Hospital after the donor.
Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd., Bed -		Supported by yearly subscription from the Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd.
Elizabeth Wills Allen Bed - - -	-	In memory of the late Miss Elizabeth Wills Allen and of the village Northiam in which she lived.
Northiam Bed - -	-	
Mathilde Marks Bed -	-	Named by the Hospital after the donor.
Bernhard Baron Bed -	-	In memory of the late Bernhard Baron.
William Briggs Bed -	-	In memory of the late Dr. William Briggs, LL.D.
Ann Hick Bed - -	-	In memory of the late Miss Ann Hick.
Supporters' Association Bed - - -	-	Supported by yearly subscription from the Marie Curie Hospital Supporters' Association.
Girls' Schools Bed -	-	Supported by yearly subscription from a group of Girls' Schools.
Lord Nuffield Bed -	-	Endowed by Lord Nuffield.

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Note : £2,000 endows a Bed ; £1,000 or an Annual Subscription of £45 names a Bed.



# STATISTICAL TABLES for Year to 31st December, 1946

## IN-PATIENTS. Table A.—Number of Beds and In-Patients.

	<i>Numbers in 1946</i>	<i>Numbers in 1945</i>
1. Beds.		
(a) Complement at 31st December ... ..	39	39
(b) Average Daily Complement during year ...	39	39
(c) Average Daily Number Closed during year, owing to :—		
(i) Rebuilding or Extension Schemes ...	—	—
(ii) Repairs, Redecoration, Cleaning or In- fection ... ..	—	—
(iii) Other causes ... ..	20.7	26.9
(d) Average Daily Number Open during Year ...	18.3	12.1
(e) Average Daily Number Occupied during year ...	13.6	9.8
2. Number of In-patients in Hospital at beginning of year ... ..	4	8
3. Number of In-patients admitted during year ...	279	145
4. Number of In-patients in the Hospital at end of year	18	4
5. Average number of days each Patient was resident ... (Ascertained by dividing the yearly total of daily Counts, (4,956) by the number of patients treated to a conclusion, (2)+(3)—(4).	18.6	23.9
6. Number of patients admitted and discharged during year who were resident for :—		
(i) only 1 day ... ..	4	—
(ii) 2 and 3 days ... ..	10	—

## OUT-PATIENTS. Table A.—Numbers.

	<i>Numbers in 1946</i>	<i>Numbers in 1945</i>
1. Total Number of new Out-Patients ... ..	194	115
2. Total number of Out-Patient Attendances ... ..	2,401	1,339
3. Number of Patients on books at the beginning of the year ... ..	2,648	2,639

**Table B.—Annual Expenditure on In-Patients apart from that on Out-Patients ; Average Cost of each In-Patient per week ; and Average Cost of each In-Patient.**

	1946								
	Expenditure on In-Patients (Pounds only)			Average cost of each In-Patient per week			Average total cost of each In-Patient		
	£			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
1. Provisions (including Board of Officials) ... ..	917			1 5 11			3 9 2		
2. Surgery and Dispensary ... ..	460			13 0			1 14 8		
3. Domestic ... ..	1,102			1 11 1			4 3 2		
4. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)... ..	5,662			7 19 11			21 7 4		
5. Miscellaneous ... ..	597			16 11			2 5 1		
6. Administration ... ..	512			14 6			1 18 8		
Statistical cost ... ..	9,250			13 1 3			34 18 1		
7. Establishment Renewals and Repairs ... ..	19			7			1 5		
8. Finance ... ..	5,420			7 13 1			20 9 1		
Total Cost	14,689			20 14 11			55 8 7		

Average Cost per week found by dividing the amounts of Expenditure shown against each heading and total by the average number of In-Patients resident daily (No. 1 (e) in Table A) and dividing by the number of weeks in the year (*viz.*, 52 $\frac{1}{4}$  or 52 $\frac{2}{7}$ ).

Average Total Cost per In-Patient found by dividing the amounts of Expenditure shown against each heading and total by the number of In-Patients treated to a conclusion during the year (Nos. 2+3—4 in Table A).

**Note.**—The *Statistical* Costs are unduly high in 1946 owing to the fact that the Hospital did not re-open until May 22nd—and with 11 beds only (increased by November to 28). Thus, the average number of days shown for patients is 13.6, a very low figure by which to divide the expenditure totals in column one.

The extremely high *Total* Costs are due to the inclusion, under Finance, of all appeal expenses for the entire year (£5,040) ; although these were incurred mainly in raising funds to purchase new buildings and equipment (*i.e.* on capital expenditure).



**Table B.—Annual Expenditure on Out-Patients and Average Cost of each Out-Patient Attendance and of each Out-Patient.**

	1946							
	Expenditure on Out- Patients (Pounds only)		Average cost of each Out-Patient Attendance		Average total cost of each Out-Patient			
	£		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Provisions (including Board of Officials) ... ..	54				5.4	5	6	
2. Surgery and Dispensary ... ..	60				6.0	6	2	
3. Domestic ... ..	96				9.6	9	10	
4. Salaries & Wages (maintenance) ...	593		4	11.3		3	1	1
5. Miscellaneous ... ..	35				3.5	3	7	
6. Administration ... ..	60				6.0	6	2	
Statistical cost ... ..	898		7	5.8		4	12	4
7. Establishment: Renewals and Re- pairs ... ..	—				—	—		
8. Finance ... ..	15				1.5	1	7	
Total Cost	913		7	7.3		4	13	11

Average Cost per Out-Patient Attendance found by dividing the amounts of Expenditure shown against each heading and total by the total number of Out-Patient Attendances (No. 2 in Table A).

Average Total Cost per Out-Patient found by dividing the amounts shown against each heading and total by the total number of new Out-Patients (No. 1 in Table A).

*Note.*—The Out-Patient Department is a special Diagnostic and Follow-up Clinic in connection with the research work. The patients attend by appointment and each visit requires a detailed physical examination. The Follow-up system entails the continued attendance of each patient, which means an ever-increasing yearly attendance of the same Out-Patients.

The number of *new* Out-Patients are by comparison not sufficiently large to bring the average cost per visit to the usual low figure recorded in ordinary Out-Patient Departments.

## THE MARIE CURIE HOSPITAL FOR CANCER AND ALLIED DISEASES

*To The Secretary, 66, Fitzjohn's Avenue, N.W.3.*

I ENCLOSE Annual Subscription, 194 : £ : :

I ENCLOSE Donation to :—

General Fund - - - £ : :

Re-establishment Fund - - - £ : :

Endowment Fund - - - £ : :

*Signature* .....  
(Please write name as it should be printed in the list of subscribers)

*Address* .....

*Date* .....

*All Cheques to be made payable to The Marie Curie Hospital.*

### BANKERS' ORDER

.....day of....., 194.....

*To Messrs.*..... (Name of Bankers)

..... (Branch)

Please pay to The Westminster Bank Limited, 106, Finchley Road, to the credit of the Account of The Marie Curie Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, my Subscription of £ and continue the same on the..... day of..... annually, until further notice.

*Signature* .....  
(Please write name as it should be printed in the lists of subscribers)

*Address* .....

£ : :

**Note.**—This Form to be completed and sent to the Secretary, The Marie Curie Hospital, 66, Fitzjohn's Avenue, N.W.3.



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## *Some sayings of eminent people about the Hospital.*

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“You must help the Marie Curie Hospital—it is more important to have freed one poor old woman from the fear of cancer than to have discovered the whole truth about the astronomical universe.”

—**G. K. Chesterton.**

May, 1932.

“I cannot help thinking that there is a certain sphere in medicine in which women have a special bent and produce extremely good results . . . in dealing with this particular form of cancer better results have been obtained at the Marie Curie Hospital than at the six other institutions mentioned in the Medical Research Council's Report.”

—**Lord Horder.**

December, 1934.

“The Marie Curie Hospital is a great memorial to a great woman. No institution could be more worthy of help.”

—**The Rt. Hon. Lord Macmillan.**

December, 1934.

“The results obtained by the Marie Curie Hospital are among the best obtained in any part of the world.”

—**Dr. Henrie Coutard.**

(*Director, X-ray Therapy Department, Curie Foundation, Paris*).

March, 1937.

“From the day of its foundation, Marie Curie was intensely interested in the Marie Curie Hospital. The creation of such hospitals was one of my mother's greatest dreams. I am happy and grateful to think that it is in England, in a great country which my mother admired and loved, that her dream has been realized.”

—**Eve Curie.**

March, 1939.

“The Marie Curie Hospital stands out head and shoulders above all other centres in the country . . . . The superior results obtained there can only be due to the high degree of skill, care and judgment exercised.”

—**Sir Edward Mellanby.**

(*Secretary, Medical Research Council*).

March, 1939.

“The results obtained are so good that they naturally stimulate enquiry . . . The success of the Hospital is really due to the following factors : it is very well equipped, the staff is extremely expert, and there is a large personnel ; but the most important factor of all is that the most meticulous care is taken in carrying out the treatment, in following the selected technique, and in making every effort to improve the local and general condition of the patient before radiation treatment is given.”

—**Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson.**

(*President of the Royal College of Surgeons*).

January, 1941.

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